



HS3 Science Meeting - Pilots



AGENDA for Pilot Discussion

- Flight Preparation Timeline
- Airspace Scheduling
- Terminal Arrival into Wallops
- Mission Rules
- Specific Lessons Learned





FLIGHT PREP TIMELINE



- FAA Coordination Package is due to the FAA by 1 business day prior to the flight.

What the pilots need to build a flight:

- The pilots require the Mission Waypoints by 1100L, 2 Days Prior to the flight (Monday flight is due Thursday).
- The pilots will build the mission plan, file the FAA flight plan, coordinate airspace, and request a NOTAM for dropsondes.
- The pilots also will create a graphical representation of the route with Contact information, FIRS, etc...



CHANGES TO THE ROUTE



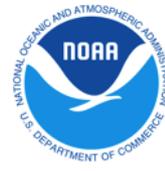
CHANGES ARE EXPECTED

- T-2: Pilots will coordinate a 'box' of operations and refine the 'box' at T-1 with the FAA.
- Changes enroute: Changes enroute are expected; pilots request changes via the standard format.
- The PI or representative can work directly with the pilots for changes. To initiate the process please coordinate through the Payload Mgr to the Flight Deck.



Overview & Maps

NASA 872 2013-09-13_HS3_872_v5



Mission Objectives:

- HS3 Mission
- CPL/Dropsondes

Mission Coordination Contact:

Jon Neuhaus, NASA/DFRC
 727-481-1605 cell
 jonathan.b.neuhaus@nasa.gov

During Mission Contact:

13/1100Z-13/1600Z
 14/0800Z-14/1100Z
 GHOC-E (Wallops, VA)
 Mission Director 757-854-3724
 Pilot 757-854-4848

13/1600Z-14/0800Z
 GHOC-W (Edwards AFB,CA)
 Mission Director 661-276-6256
 Pilot 661-276-6701

Flight Summary

Departure:	7:00 EDT 9/13/13	11:00Z 9/13/13
Arrival:	7:00 EDT 9/14/13	11:00Z 9/14/13
Duration:	23+59hrs	
Dropsondes:	68	
Cruise Altitudes:	Block FL500-650	
Notes:	NOTAMs will be filed	

Documents/Files

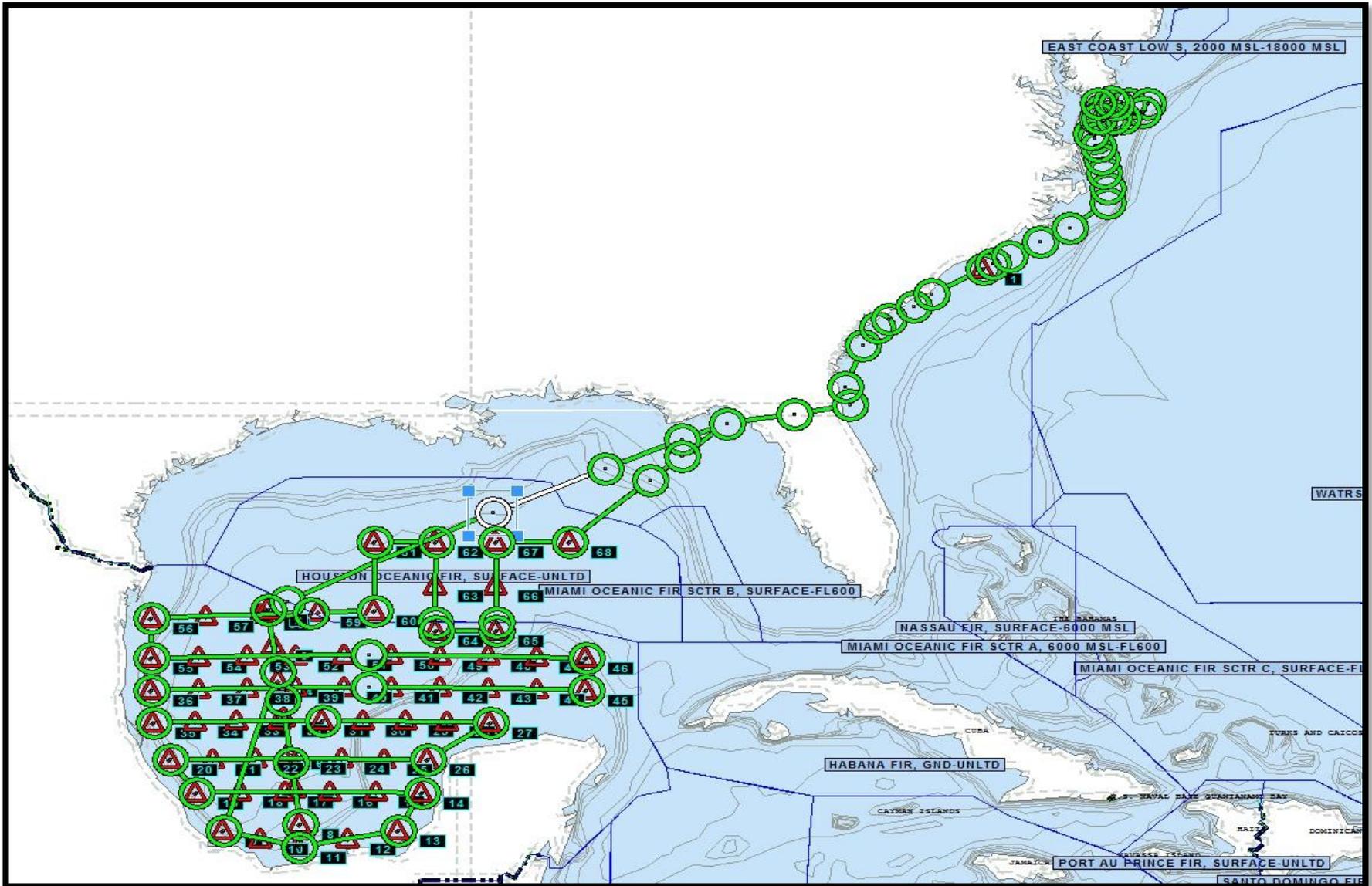
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NASA Dryden Flight Research Center
Edwards Air Force Base California

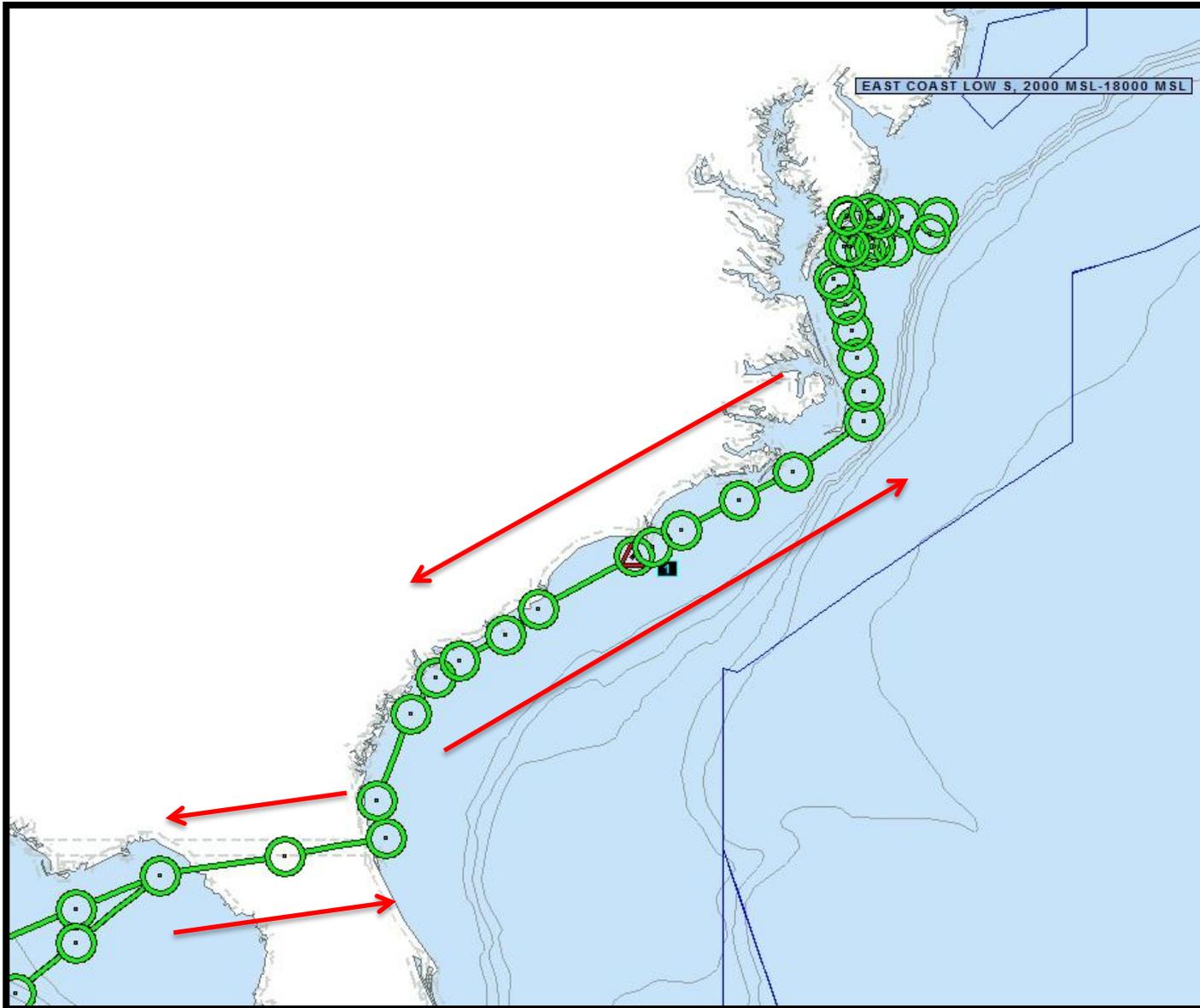


Route Overview



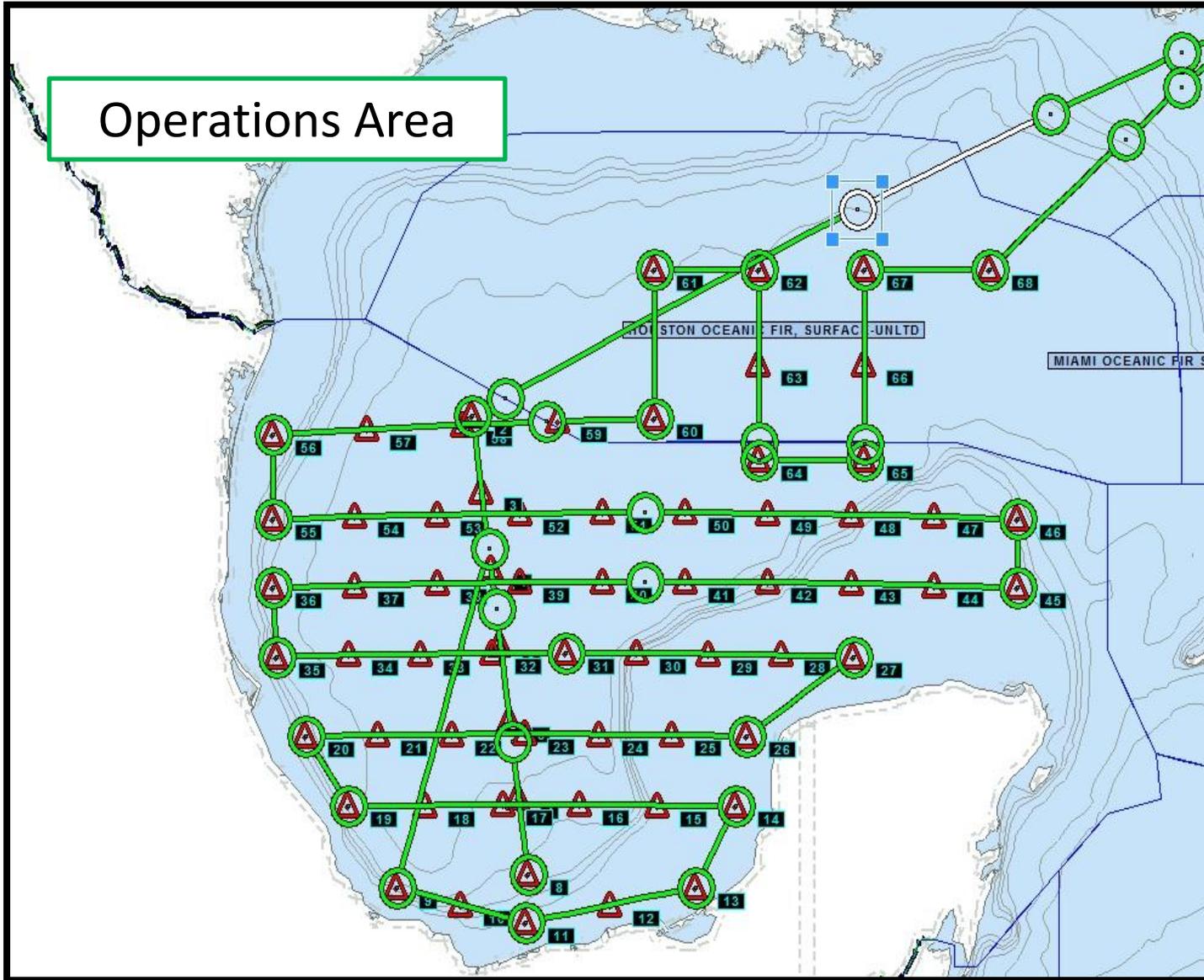


Route Overview (Transit to/from Florida)





Science Mission Area





AIRSPACE SCHEDULING

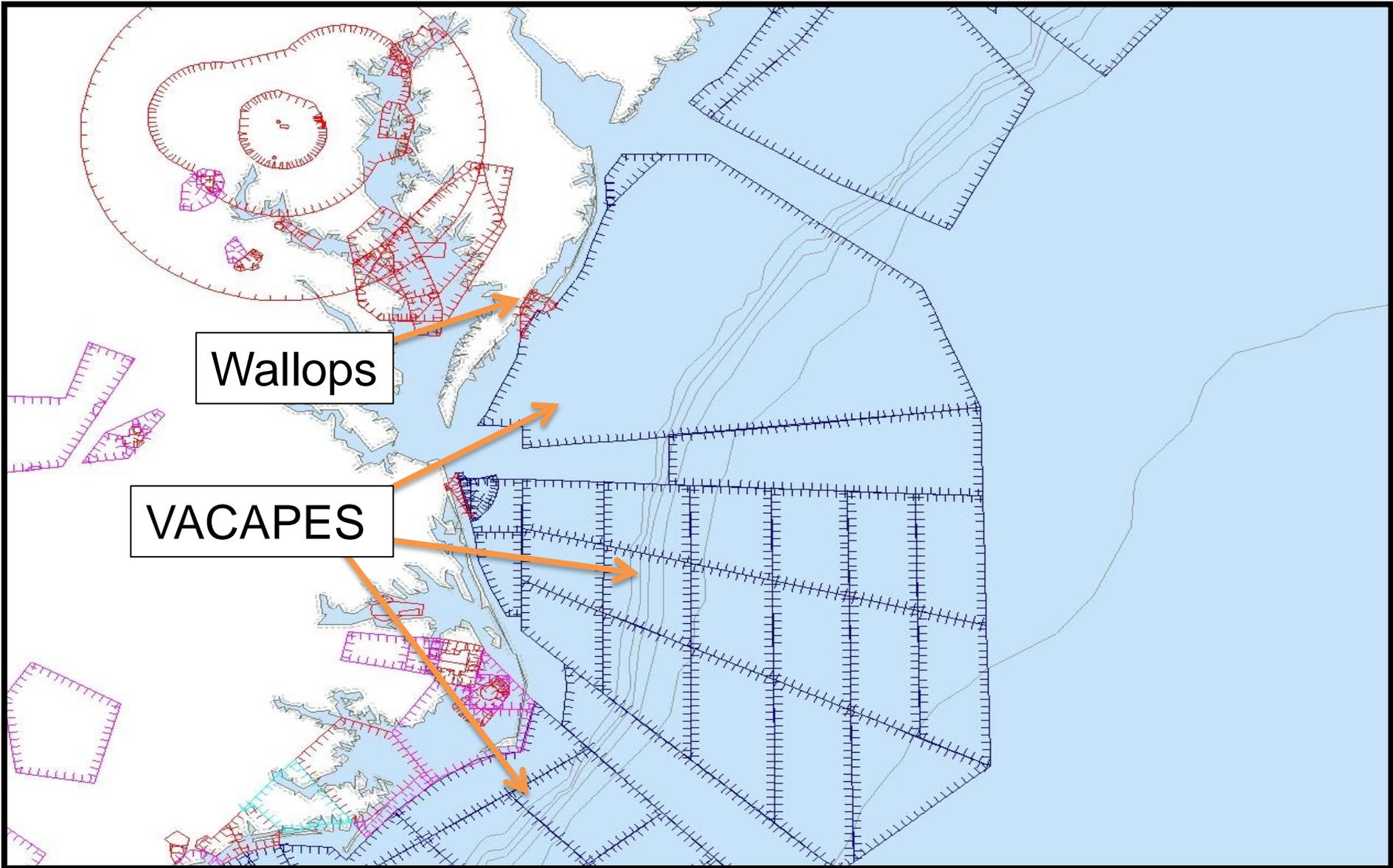


CHALLENGES:

- VACAPES
 - W-386
 - Airspace is not 'Co-use', which means Global Hawk shall have 'sterile' airspace during the approach and descent into Wallops.
 - PAX RIVER TEST TRACKS
 - By Letter of Agreement, NASA shall schedule 'blocked' airspace 2-3 days in advance
 - Pilots are actively coordinating for 2014

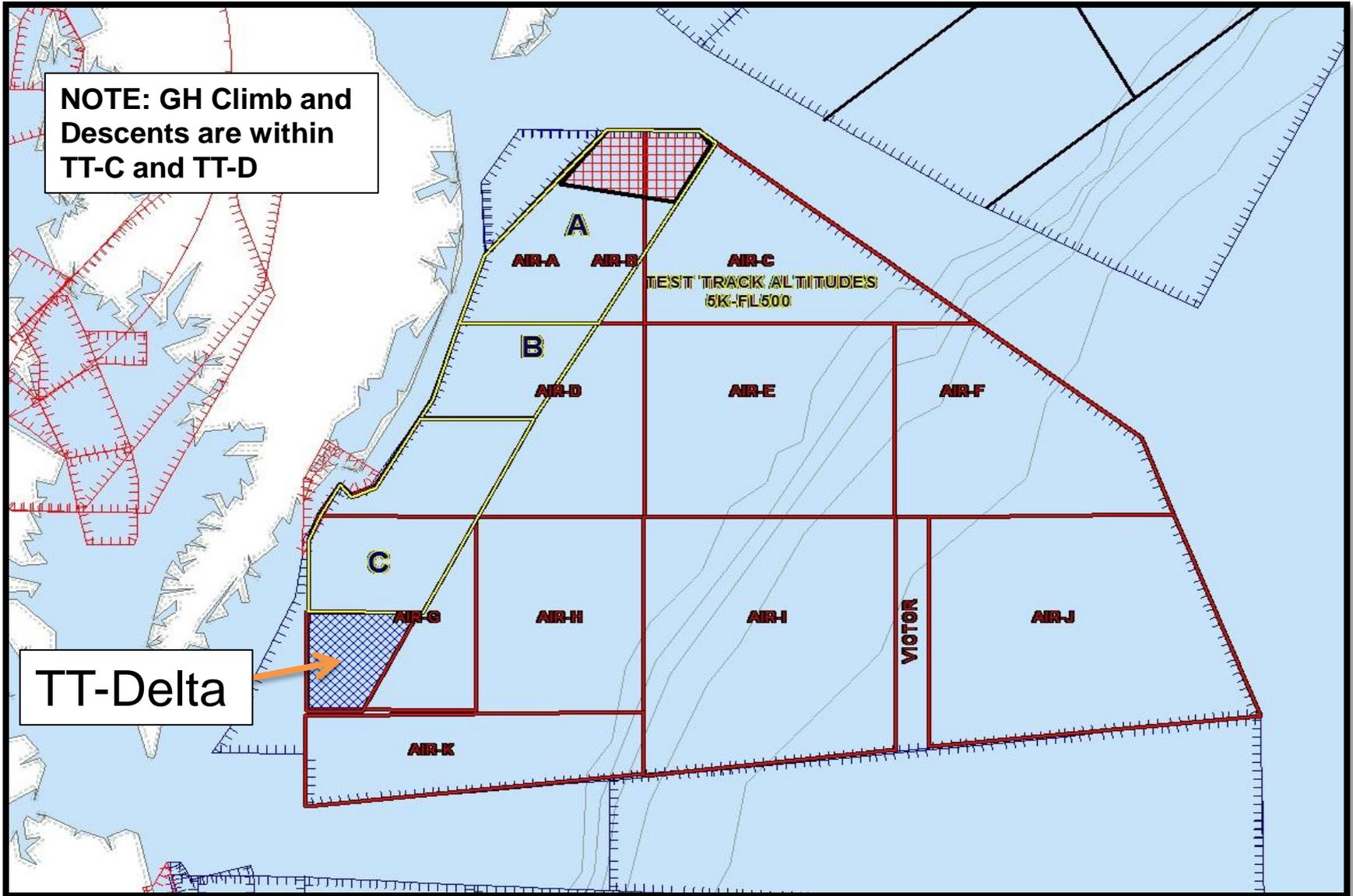


GRAPHIC OF W-386

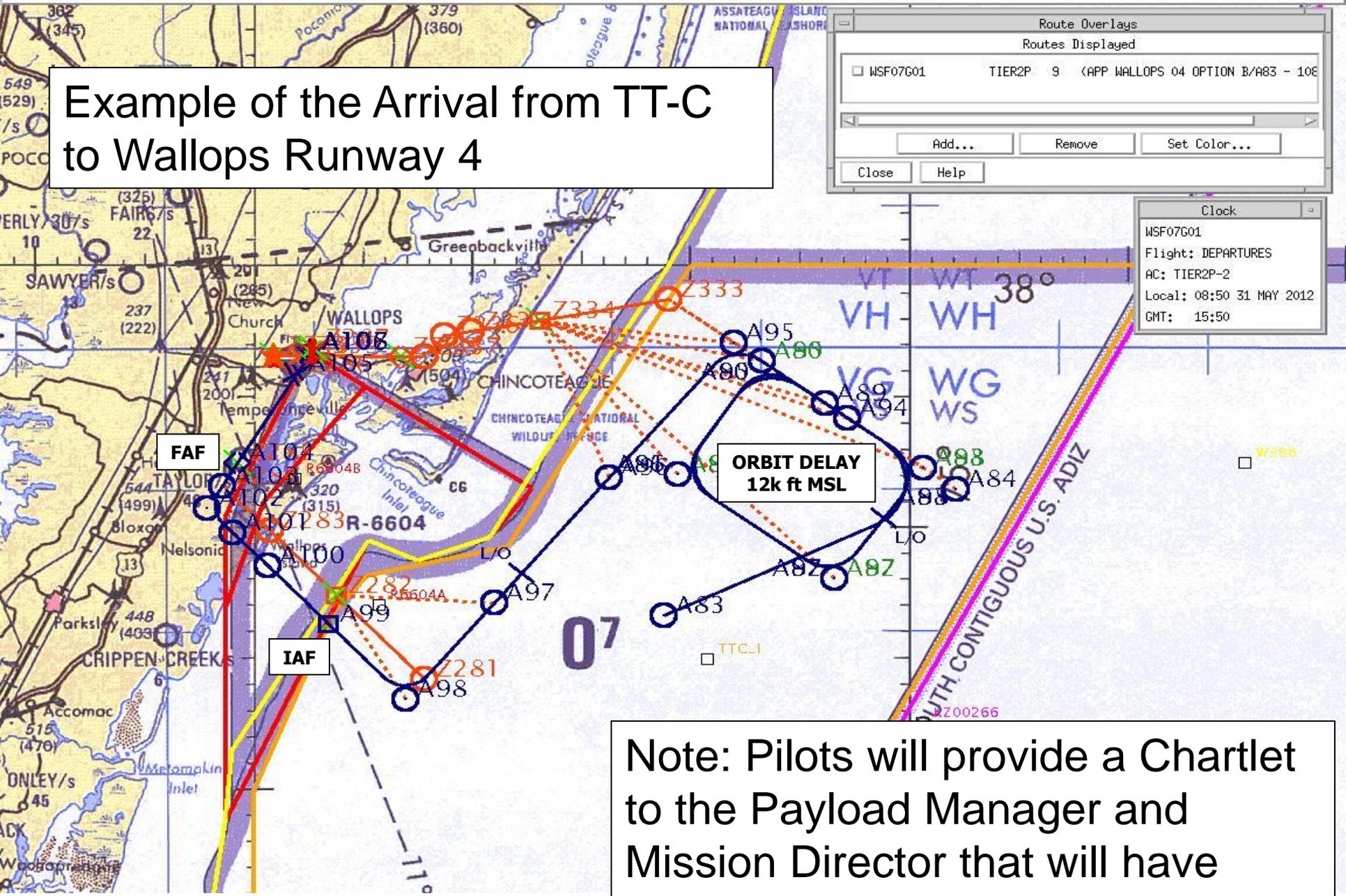




GRAPHIC OF W-386 TEST TRACKS



Example of the Arrival from TT-C to Wallops Runway 4



Route Overlays
Routes Displayed

WSF07G01 TIER2P 9 (APP WALLOPS 04 OPTION B/A83 - 10E

Add... Remove Set Color...

Close Help

Clock

WSF07G01
Flight: DEPARTURES
AC: TIER2P-2
Local: 08:50 31 MAY 2012
GMT: 15:50

ORBIT DELAY
12k ft MSL

Note: Pilots will provide a Chartlet to the Payload Manager and Mission Director that will have Estimated Times to Go



MISSION RULES



Weather:

- Winds (incl gusts) \leq 15 kts cross, 20 kts tail, 30 kts head-wind
- No lightning w/in 5 Nm (Ground)
- No standing water on Rwy
- Do not approach thunderstorms within 25 nm during flight at FL500 or below.
- Aircraft should maintain at least 5000 ft vertical separation from significant convective cloud tops except:
 - When cloud tops are above FL500: Do not approach reported significant lightning activity or indicators of significant overshooting tops within 25 nm.
 - When cloud tops are below FL500, maintain 10,000 ft separation from reported significant lightning or indicators of significant overshooting tops.
- No flight into forecast or reported icing conditions
- No flight into forecast or reported moderate or severe turbulence



SPECIFIC LESSONS LEARNED



- HEATLOAD vs WAYPOINTS
- Coordination of Flight Operations with Wallops, CARCAH, and Airspace Managers
- Dedicated Planner for 2014
- Pilot training specific to HS3 prior to deployment